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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1. Lt. General [] is scheduled to see you Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. This is a follow-up of his call on me in your absence some days ago. I think you should see him.

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2. [] is a soldier and will do whatever he is told. I must say he is most reluctant about taking on this new task for several reasons as follows:

a. It is not a pure Air Force job and he does not like to leave his present assignment;

b. By pure rotation, the task should go to the Army and he thinks the Army should be required to fill it;

c. He hears rumblings about the need for consolidation of Service and civilian effort in this field and he does not necessarily feel that there is large-scale duplication of effort or that this task should be primarily civilianized. He does not want to be the "patsy" if such rumblings materialize nor does he expect to be the "great white hope" to initiate such actions, which he does not feel are truly necessary;

d. He is under the impression that the present incumbent is now doing a very fine job after some difficult starting.

2. I had intended to brief you orally on the foregoing but did not have the opportunity.

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